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TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
THROUGH: ROBERT G. WELLS, CITY MANAGER  
FROM: TIM GERLING, P.E., PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR  
SUBJECT: SALEM TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN AMENDMENTS  
- PUBLIC HEARING

**ISSUE:**

Should the City Council amend the Salem Revised Code (SRC) Chapter 64.230(i) by enacting Ordinance No. 85-07 to amend the *Salem Transportation System Plan*?

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council advance Ordinance No. 85-07 to second reading for enactment with the following additional amendment:

- Add a new project in Ordinance No. 85-07, Exhibit 2, Street System Element, on Boone Road SE, to lower the hill east of Kinsington Street SE.

**BACKGROUND:**

The *Salem Transportation System Plan* (Salem TSP) is the City's long-range master plan for transportation infrastructure and programs. First adopted in 1998, the Salem TSP was amended in 2000, 2001, and 2005. Providing for periodic amendment keeps the Salem TSP flexible and responsive to changes in circumstances and direction that citizens and public officials desire to occur over time.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

The City Council conducted first reading of Ordinance No. 85-07 on April 2, 2007. Findings that support adoption of Ordinance No. 85-07 are included in this report and in the April 2, 2007, staff report, which is included as Exhibit 8 to Ordinance No. 85-07.

**Public Involvement and Notification**

Staff has conducted the following public involvement in addition to what is described in the April 2 staff report:

- Mailed notice of the proposed amendments and public hearing to all parties on the Salem TSP interested parties mailing list (over 50 mailings);
- Attended the April meetings of the Morningside and South Gateway Neighborhood Associations; and
- Mailed notice of the proposed new project on Boone Road SE, east of Kinsington Street SE, to adjacent property owners.

### **Additional Recommended Salem TSP Amendment**

At their April meeting, the Morningside Neighborhood Association requested to add a project on Boone Road SE into the Salem TSP. The recommended project is on a section of Boone Road SE that is currently closed to vehicular traffic (see Map, Attachment A). Boone Road SE in this area is classified as a local street. The closed section of Boone Road SE has limited sight distance due to the vertical curve. The proposed project would lower Boone Road SE, east of Kinsington Street SE, so that Boone Road SE can be reopened to vehicular traffic. Opening Boone Road SE would increase connectivity in this neighborhood north of Kuebler Boulevard SE and west of Battle Creek Road SE. This project is already included in the adopted Capital Improvement Plan as an unfunded project. The cost estimate is \$520,000. This project is consistent with policies in the Salem TSP relating to local access and circulation (Street System Element, Policy 1.6). Staff supports including this project in the Salem TSP as a need. Staff recommends that this project be included as a medium priority project.



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Attachment: A. Vicinity Map, Proposed Boone Road SE Project

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# Boone Road SE, East of Kinsington Street SE

## Vicinity Map

ATTACHMENT A

